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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Collection Request Revision Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for TSCA Section 4 Test Rules, Test Orders, Enforceable Consent Agreements (ECAs), Voluntary Data Submissions, and Exemptions from Testing Requirement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Generic Clearance for TSCA Section 4 Test Rules, Test Orders, Enforceable Consent Agreements (ECAs), Voluntary Data Submissions, and Exemptions from Testing Requirement (EPA ICR Number 1139.12 and OMB Control Number 2070-0033) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed revision of the ICR that is currently approved through October 31, 2021. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0436 to EPA online using www.regulations.gov or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the

public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harlan Weir, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-9885; email address: weir.harlan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: Under TSCA section 4, EPA has the authority to promulgate rules, issue orders, and enter into consent agreements requiring manufacturers and processors to develop information on chemical substances and mixtures. The revisions to this ICR cover the information collection activities associated with the submission of information to EPA pursuant to TSCA section 4, as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. Under TSCA section 4, EPA has the authority to issue regulatory actions designed to gather or develop

information related to human and environmental health, including hazard and exposure information, on chemical substances and mixtures. This information collection addresses the burden associated with industry activities involved in the reporting and recordkeeping pursuant to TSCA section 4.

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/affected entities: Manufacturers (including importers) or processors of chemical substances or mixtures, which are mostly chemical companies classified under NAICS Codes 325 and 324.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (15 USC 2603 et seq.).

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 175 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total Estimated Burden: 32,147 hours (per year). Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total Estimated Cost: \$7,650,663 (per year), includes \$5,227,235 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: The modifications in this request would increase total respondent burden by 87,060 hours (29,020 hours annually) over the three-year period in which the generic ICR will be active. This increase reflects changes in the number of actions, CBI substantiation requirements, and methodological updates. However, there is a reduction in annual cost estimates due to a change in the assumed battery of tests that may be required for this three-year period under potential testing actions. The assumption is based on statutory changes under the Lautenberg Act, such as the mandated tiered testing approach. Further details about these

changes are included in this ICR supporting statement.

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